UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 09-107

At a judges' meeting held on December 11, 2009, the District Judges unanimously approved this Court's continued participation in the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit ("BAP"). Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED that in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(6), the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals is authorized to hear and determine appeals from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan ("Bankruptcy Court"). Effective January 1, 2010, until such time as may be determined by the District Court, all appeals from the Bankruptcy Court will be heard and determined by the BAP unless a party to the appeal files a timely election to "opt out" and have the appeal heard by the District Court, with any such election made in accordance with the applicable procedural rules of the BAP.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: December 16, 2009

PAUL L. MALONEY

CHIEF JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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